

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 16, 2025

The parishioners listed in the items below have contact information available in our parish directory. You may also reach them via a message through our church office (office@chisorleans.org)

Mark Your Lenten Calendar...

- **JUSTICE, JOY & DAILY BREAD:** a 5-session soup supper and bible study series Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, exploring eating and table fellowship across the gospels with an emphasis on Luke. Come to any or all **but please do sign up via email to office@chisorleans.org.**
March 19: “Glutton, drunkard, friend of tax collectors and sinners”
March 26: “Guest, host and teacher”
April 2: Food in Luke’s parables and across the gospels
April 9: Eucharist & Anglican Identity: Serious, Dangerous & Joyful
- **PICTURING THE LENTEN GOSPEL:** Create or find and then share an image that captures the message of Sunday’s gospel for you! During Lent we’ll project these for all to contemplate in the Parish Hall every Sunday morning after church. Email your submission to Patrick (pward@chisorleans.org) by Thursday noon for the coming Sunday:
March 23: Luke 13: 1-9
March 30: Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32
April 6: John 12:1-8
- **LENTEN QUIET DAY:** Saturday April 5, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. More details to follow!
- ***IN MY TIME OF DYING: How I Came Face to Face with the Idea of an Afterlife*** a visit with writer Sebastian Junger on Palm Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm, Parish Hall

THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with prayers for healing – **Thursdays at 11 am in the church (East Transept).**

ARE YOU GRIEVING A DEATH? We’re gathering those of us who are in any stage of a bereavement journey. Our purpose is to discern

the need in our community for a regularly scheduled and supportive gathering. We’ll begin the conversation on **TODAY, Sunday, March 16 at 11:30 am** – make your way back from coffee into church for a moderated conversation that will end by 12:30 pm. Contact Patrick with any questions.

SPRING RING! Six handbell choirs will present a program at 2:00 pm on **March 22 at the Harwich Community Center.** After a morning of rehearsal, the massed choirs will offer an exciting program of bell music. Come support our Belladonnas and enjoy the concert! A freewill donation will be taken.

LENTEN QUIET DAY: March 22, 2025 at 9:30 am. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Barnstable, 3055 Main St, Barnstable, MA with the Revs. Gail Smith and Liz Tunney. All are Welcome! Pack a lunch if you wish to stay for fellowship after the program. Bring a notebook and pen. Bring seasonable outdoor wear for a walk in the garden. Please contact Liz Tunney to register or for questions.

TUESDAY MORNING LECTIO DIVINA AND PRAYERS: 10:00 am via Zoom. Lectio Divina is a monastic mode of prayer, contemplation, and Bible study and all are welcome to experience this with us. A Zoom Meeting invitation email is sent on Mondays.

SUNDAY’S GLIMPSE OF THE GOSPEL: Join us **Sundays at 8:45 am** to delve into the Gospel and pray for one another. We meet in the fireplace Room and via Zoom. Interested? **Please contact Tom Dewing.**

GOOD FRIDAY WALK: Friday, April 18, Bible Alliance Church (Brewster) at 8:30 am for registration. We have helped over 300 families with children with profound and lifelong illnesses or injuries. Rich Weeks will be at the coffee hours on the two Sundays before Good Friday to answer questions and gladly accept donations. If you wish, your donation can be mailed to **Up for Kids, PO Box 297, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675.**

CHS 2025 RUMMAGE SALE: Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. For more info, please see the Together newsletter and stay tuned! Questions? Contact Brian Schnetzer.

GARDEN PARTY: Our first **Garden Party Saturday, April 5, 2025 9 am to 12 noon.** As the gardens and open areas begin to emerge from winter, we'll begin some clean-up and we'll be having a surprise tutorial from our own Peter Jensen! Come and share some time and fellowship and sharpen your knowledge! NO prior experience needed! Ann Pike-Paris, Grounds Chairperson

CHS WEB SITE: To live stream or watch recorded services later, please go to our website holyspiritorleans.org and click on **"VIEW ONLINE"**. To download the Sunday Service Bulletin, click on the bulletin link.

To use CHS Wi-Fi when you are on campus: the network is: Church_Guest and the password is: CHSOrleans

This is a case sensitive password.

March 16 ~ March 23

Sunday: March 16

- 8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
- 9:30 Church School/Child Care
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church/You Tube, followed by Coffee Hour
- 11:30 Are you Grieving a Death – Church

Monday: March 17

- 10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
- 10:00 Kimball House Hammerer

Tuesday: March 18

- 10:00 Lectio Divina Service – Zoom
- 12:00 Health Ministry – Fireplace Room

Wednesday: March 19

- 10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
- 5:30 Justice Joy & Daily Bread – Parish Hall
- 7:30 Choir Rehearsal – Church

Thursday: March 20

- 8:00 Red Cross Blood Drive – Parish Hall
- 11:00 Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing – Church
- 4:30 Centering Prayer – Reception Room/ Memorial Garden

Friday: March 21

- 9:30 Belladonnas Rehearsal – Church
- 2:00 Vestry Retreat – Parish Hall

Sunday: March 23

- 8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
- 9:30 Church School/Child Care

10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church/You Tube, followed by Coffee Hour

11:15 Book Discussion Group – Fireplace Room/Zoom

CHS Planning Study To Begin

- As mentioned at our Annual Meeting our Vestry is committed to expanding our mission and ministry. One key step in achieving this goal is the addition of another priest to our parish. This expansion will allow us to enhance pastoral care, broaden our welcome to newcomers, and strengthen parish programming—benefiting both our congregation and the wider community in Orleans and surrounding towns.
- To support this initiative, we are focusing on:
 - Increasing our endowment to ensure our operating budget can sustain the addition of a new clergy member.
 - Enhancing our campus facilities to better accommodate church activities and community events.
- Careful planning and thoughtful consideration are essential before moving forward, which is why your input is invaluable. Your feedback will help shape a final plan that aligns with both our parish's vision and financial capacity.
- To guide this process, we have engaged Cornerstone Fundraising, a professional religious fundraising firm, to conduct a Planning Study. Over the next several weeks, every registered parishioner will be invited to participate in this study through interviews, parish-wide focus groups and an online survey.
- We encourage you to actively participate in this process. Your insights and honest feedback will be instrumental in shaping the future of CHS!

Thank you!